IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract previously provided in the amendment filed October 17, 2001 as follows. The amended abstract is attached on a separate sheet, as required by the Examiner.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A strip lighting device includes an elongate housing [that is at least partially translucent and], a [multiplicity] <u>plurality</u> of light sources arranged at intervals within the housing, and a fastener for fastening the elongate housing to a surface. [Means is provided to] <u>The elongate housing overlies the plurality of light sources and diffuses</u>, disperses or scatters light from the light sources [whereby on activation of the light sources, a visible optical effect is produced] <u>such that individuals of the plurality of light sources are substantially not distinguishable</u> when the housing is viewed from the outside.

Please amend the paragraph previously added on page 1, line 9 as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application [claims the priority of PCT] is a continuation of International Application No. [PCT/AU94/00602] PCT/AU98/00602, [filed] with an international filing date of July 28, 1998, published in English on February 11, 1999, and [which is] incorporated herein by reference. International Application No. PCT/AU98/00602 claims priority to [;] AUPO8240 filed July 28, 1997; AUPP2590 filed March 26, 1998; and AUPP3229 filed April 29, 1998.

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